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C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 5867

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF RO TS (RADU, MIHAITA)

SUBJECT: ROMANIAN SEEKING ASYLUM

REF: ROME 13662; STATE 207938; GENEVA 6667

1. RADU ARRIVED AT EMBASSY 0700 SATURDAY AUGUST 21
IN VERY EMOTIONAL STATE. GUARD ALLOWED RADU TO WAIT IN LOBBY
WHILE ADVISING POLOFF, WHO CAME IN SHORTLY AFTERWARDS TO
DETERMINE NATURE OF PROBLEM. RADU EXPLAINED AT LENGTH HIS
CONCERN THAT TUNISIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES AND LOCAL UNHCR
REPRESENTATIVE WORKING WITH RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO FORCE HIS
RETURN TO ROMANIA. RADU REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION TO GO DIRECTLY
TO US AND EMBASSY PROTECTION IN INTERIM. EMBOFF REPLIED WE COULD
NOT GIVE SUCH PROTECTION AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO COOPERATE
WITH GOT AND LOCAL UNHCR REPRESTPOATIVE REGARDING DOCUMEN-
TATION. RADU FINALLY LEFT EMBASSY AT 0900, ALTHOUGH WE ARE
NOT CONVINCED HE PLANNED TO GO TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS URGED.
LOCAL AUTHORITIES HOLDING AIRLINE TICKET
AND SMALL AMOUNT OF CASH WHICH RADU SAID WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY
UNHCR OFFICE. HE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE COUNTRY WITH-
OUT APPROVAL OF LOCAL GOT
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AUTHORITIES. RADU OBVIOUSLY DID NOT MAKE MORNING PLANE TO
ROME, AND WE DO NO KNOW WHETHER GOT WILL TRY TO PUT HIM ON
LATER FLIGHT. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO REACH RESPONSIBLE TUNISIAN
OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CASE INFORMALLY AND TO URGE THAT RADU NOT

BE SENT TO ITALY OR OTHER SAFE-HAVEN DESTINATION WITHOUT FIRST
OBTAINING NECESSARY ENTRY AUTHORIZATION THROUGH UNHCR. OFFICIALLY,
WE DO NOT PLAN TO INTERVENE.
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